

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 275

By Bass

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kathryn Sarah Edmondson, 2007 Valedictorian of Giles County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Sarah Edmondson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Giles County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Edmondson has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Kathryn Edmondson has earned an exemplary 4.38 grade point average while taking an extensive number of Advanced Placement, Honors, and Dual Enrollment courses; and

WHEREAS, she has also participated and held leadership positions in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Student Council, the Spirit club, Interact, the National Beta Club, Future Teachers of America, the International Club, the Leo Club, and she served as a Guidance Aide; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her distinguished academic record, Miss Edmondson has earned the Excel Gold Card during each of her four years in high school, is a member of both the National Honors Society and the National Society of High School Scholars, has been recognized in the *Who's Who Among High School Students*, received the National Science Merit Award, and was accepted into the Duke University Talent Identification Program, the U.S.

Achievement Academy All-American Scholar Program, and the Tennessee Technology Science Camp; she also placed first in the 2005 County Science Fair and attended the 2006 Volunteer Girls State; and

WHEREAS, Miss Edmondson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, scholastics aside, Miss Edmondson has also demonstrated a strong commitment to her community by way of her outstanding acts of volunteerism; through the First United Methodist Church, Miss Edmondson has planned youth group activities and ministries, assisted in Vacation Bible School, and volunteered in several programs designed to help the under privileged, the homeless, and the handicapped; she also works with the Student Ambassador's club, the Medical Explorers, and Hillside Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2006, Miss Edmondson served as a student volunteer for the Honorable Senator Roy Herron; and

WHEREAS, drawing on her artistic side, Kathryn Edmondson participated in ballet, pointe, jazz, and tap for ten years with the Pulaski Performing Arts Center; she was also Second Runner-Up for the 2006 Senior Miss Giles County and First Runner-Up in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Edmondson's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jim and Gail Edmondson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Edmondson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Giles County High School Valedictorian, Kathryn Sarah Edmondson, on her impressive academic achievement and notable community involvement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.